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Start Getting Ready for EPA Brownfield Grants



We don't know yet when EPA's new guidelines for brownfield grants will be available, but recommend that applicants start getting ready to apply. The grant deadline is typically in November or December. We haven't heard of any significant changes to last year's guidelines, which are still available on the internet. In particular, applicants should initiate their community notification process, providing an opportunity to obtain public comments on grant proposals before they are submitted to EPA. Applicants may also want to request the required letter of support from DNR. Anyone who expects to apply for a revolving loan fund should definitely start obtaining the necessary legal opinions addressing your authority to access and secure sites and your legal authority to manage a loan fund. Our summary of the federal grant requirements, with links to EPA's information and our "Tips for Applicants", is on the web at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/financial/federal_brfls.html.



September 20 & 21 Agendas Now Available



Agendas for our two *Dollars and Sense* seminars on brownfield financial programs and brownfield real estate redevelopment are now on the internet. These free seminars are **September 20** and **September 21**. We've also added some driving instructions to help you locate the Village Center in Waunakee. There's still some room available, so check our conference web page at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/conference.htm> for registration and other information.



New Contact in Northeast Region



The RR Program's Northeast Region has assigned Kevin McKNight as the new contact person for those requesting a variance under Chapter NR 141, Groundwater Monitoring Well Requirements, and also for approvals to inject substances for remedial action under Chapter NR 812.05. Kevin may be reached at 920-424-0399 or at Kevin.McKnight@wisconsin.gov. Rick Stoll, who formerly handled these approvals, has accepted a promotional opportunity in DNR.



Re News is on the Web



Check out the September edition of Re News, our quarterly newsletter, on the web at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/listserv.html#renews>. It's got an update on the Urban Reinvestment Initiative in Milwaukee's 30th Street Corridor, a story on the transformation of a former manufactured gas plant on the Fox River into a green space and entertainment venue, and more.